

# SEA WASP E-2 WRECKED BY EXPLOSION OF ITS BATTERIES

Civilian Electricians Assisting  
Seamen of Her Crew To Empty  
Acid Containers When Some  
Fearful Accident Took Place

FOUR ARE DEAD AND  
FIVE OTHERS INJURED  
SERIOUSLY AND MAY DIE

Rescuers Could Not Enter Craft  
Because of Fumes — Sec-  
retary Daniels Will Start Official  
Inquiry Into Accident Tomorrow

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, January 15.—A terrific internal explosion wrecked the interior of the United States submarine E-2, as she lay at her dock in the New York navy yard yesterday afternoon. The vessel was crowded with men at the time, a force of civilians being on board assisting the members of the crew to empty the Edison batteries.

One seaman, R. B. Seaber, electrician, second class, and three of the civilian electricians were killed, while four seamen and one civilian are seriously injured. These five may die. In addition, at least twenty others are more or less seriously injured.

The seriously injured seamen are: L. C. Miles, chief electrician; Ramon Otto, electrician; Guy H. Clark Jr., and John Holsey, seamen.

**Explosion Terrific**  
The explosion is described as terrific, the force of it driving a ladder through the conning tower and hurling it one hundred and fifty feet away from the ship. Yet, an examination of the exterior of the hull fails to reveal any mark of the explosion whatever.

Secretary Daniels has announced that he will name a board of enquiry on Monday, with instructions to investigate the affair for its cause and also to make recommendations that will open the way for precautions to prevent the repetition of such a disaster.

**Nobody Dares Talk**  
The officials of the navy yard are preserving the greatest secrecy and representatives of the press were not allowed near the scene of the explosion yesterday. Rear Admiral N. R. Usher, commandant of the yard, issued a statement in which he said that the explosion came when the new Edison batteries, recently installed, were being emptied of their sulphuric acid for recharging.

The work of rescue was hazardous in the extreme. When the explosion took place, men from all over the yard came running to the assistance of the men whom they knew must be either dead or injured. Acid fumes were pouring through the open hatchway, despite which rescuers entered the vessel. These were overcome by the gases and were dragged out, unconscious. Amongst those who attempted to enter the craft were officers attached to other submarines at the yard, but their bravery availed them nothing and they in turn had to be rescued and rushed to an emergency hospital.

**Pumped Out Fumes**  
It was an hour before the fumes cleared sufficiently to allow rescuers to bring out the unconscious bodies of the survivors and the bodies of the dead. There

## LANSING HOLDS A CONSUL BACK

Told Not To Return To Post In  
Mexico Now—Order Is Not  
'Significant'

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
EL PASO, January 15.—On the heels of the announcement from Washington that Secretary Lansing had sent instructions to the various United States consuls in Northern Mexico to urge all Americans to leave the fighting zone, comes an announcement that the instructions given Consul Fletcher to resume his duties at Chihuahua City have been countermanded.

Mr. Fletcher was here, on the eve of leaving for his post, when the new instructions reached him. He confirmed the news that he was not to cross the border at present, but declares that there is nothing significant about the countermanding of previous instructions.

**Moving Women From Danger**  
Potter Palmer, president and principal owner of the Cusi mining company, whose men were murdered last Tuesday, reached here yesterday, bringing his wife from the danger zone.

Yesterday some excitement was occasioned by reports from the sheriff at Hancock that the soldiers there had attacked and beaten up a number of Mexicans, reports which General Pershing unofficially confirmed. Later reports stated that only two soldiers had been mixed up in the fighting, which was an ordinary row and unlikely to have any serious consequences.

It is stated that there are, in various roving bands, in the neighborhood of eighteen hundred bandits in Chihuahua.

## NO ARBITRATION FOR GERMANY—EXECUTIONS PREFERRED TO TRIALS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERLIN, January 15.—Replying to the British offer to arbitrate the deaths of German submarine sailors said to have been killed by the steamer Baralong, Germany makes it plain that she intends to take summary measures of her own to avenge the killing of her subjects.

Berlin has sent a formal statement that Germany will not accept the British offer to submit the case to a tribunal of American naval officers. Instead, as England has declined to make amends for the "Fortino" incident, it says the German foreign office in its note, Germany will "adopt reprisals, taking the punishment into its own hands for the unprovoked crime" and corresponding provocation.

## MITSUMI KNOWS OF NO SPECIAL ENVOY

**Big Firm Contradicts Report That  
It May Finance the Fight  
For Yuan's Throne**

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)  
TOKYO, January 15.—Denial of the report that an emissary from Emperor Yuan of China was en route to Tokyo to negotiate a loan of \$20,000,000 from the Mitsui company has been made by that firm.

The Russian government has asked through the Russian ambassador to Tokyo, that Japan accept a large order for munitions of war. At a special meeting of the ministry the order was accepted. It is unusually large.

**Envoy Sees Champions**  
Prince Mikhailevich of Russia has been invited to witness the national championship wrestling bouts. He will attend. He went hunting with duck at Hama palace yesterday morning; in the afternoon he was the guest of Prince Mysa.

Harry Niles, the American aviator, flew at Osaka today. He will fly again at that city tomorrow.

The Japanese government fears that the steamer Senju Maru has been lost in the Mediterranean, probably by being torpedoed by an Austrian submarine. She was a tramp.

The Senju Maru, sailed from Philadelphia October 24 for Vladivostok via the Suez Canal. She was reported from Iran November 14 for Port Said. It was the last of the disaster, like that of the Kenkoku Maru, recently torpedoed, is due indirectly to the blockade of the Panama Canal, for she would have gone by that waterway had it been open. She was a vessel of 2734 tons.

Her master was Captain Hiral. The long time she has been missing indicates that she has been lost, probably with all hands.

There were no means whereby the gas could escape and it had to be forced out by pumping.

What internal damage has been done to the E-2 cannot be learned, none of the yard officials consenting to make any statement in advance of the investigation to be made under orders from the navy department.

## FORDERS NUMBER ONLY THIRTY NOW

Headquarters Likely To Move  
Back To Stockholm, Where  
People Are More Friendly

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
THE HAGUE, January 15.—All but thirty of the nearly two hundred peace delegates which arrived here a short time ago in the Ford party have left for their homes. The Scandinavians having returned to Stockholm and a majority of the Americans sailing yesterday for New York.

In this party of home-seekers sailing yesterday are one hundred and fifty, the newspaper men and students included. The departure of this party, which took ship for Rotterdam, thence to take an American liner, was made the occasion of a demonstration by the residents of The Hague, many of whom turned out to cheer the Americans.

It is stated that the plans of the Ford Peace Board to hold its meetings here have been abandoned, principally because of lack of official sympathy with their proposals. At Stockholm where the party received its warmest welcome, the delegates believe they will be better able to accomplish their aims and it is probable that the meetings of the board will be held in the Swedish capital.

## WHITMAN COMES OUT FOR HUGHES

**New York Governor Says Justice  
Is Right Man To Nominate**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, January 15.—Governor Whitman, who has been mentioned as a Republican presidential possibility, is quoted as stating yesterday in which he announced that he was for Justice Hughes for the Republican nomination at the Chicago convention.

Despatches from Lincoln, Nebraska, state that former Senator Burke has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Vice-presidency, believing that an Eastern man will receive the presidential place.

## JAPANESE OFFICER HELD ON COAST

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—Captain Yoshikawa, the Japanese officer who has been fighting in the Caranza ranks against Villa for the past many months, and who lost a leg as a result of a wound, is being held at Angel Island here for investigation.

Yoshikawa, who is known amongst the Mexicans as Captain Aranda, made the trip from Mexico for this port for the purpose of buying an artificial leg, but the authorities will not allow him to land.

He reports that, owing to the revolutions and the lack of employment, there are three hundred Japanese enlisted under the Caranza banner and fighting with his troops.

## KAISER IS EITHER SICK OR HE IS NOT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERLIN, January 15.—The Kaiser has appeared in several public places, according to the Berlin Overseas Agency. He has lunched with various officials.

It is announced that the emperor requests that his fifty-eighth birthday, on January 27, be celebrated with "quiet thoughts and prayer."

## BROTHER SUMMONED TO HUMAN HABITATIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
VANCOUVER, January 15.—The cold has driven hundreds of deer into the outskirts of Powell River, and the citizens have succeeded in buying alfalfa for feeding purposes.

## QUITE PROPER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
MINNEAPOLIS, January 15.—A man named Price, a convicted wife-murderer, today threw himself from a cliff, crushing his head upon the rocks below.

**CROUP.**  
Every young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

# MAXIM WARNS NATION THAT A WAR MAY SOON FOLLOW PEACE

Whoever Wins In Europe Is Very  
Likely To Turn Upon The United  
States, He Says, and  
Would Have Veteran Millions

PLENTY OF CHANCES  
FOR COMPLICATIONS  
IN EXISTENCE NOW

Our Little, Poorly Equipped Army  
Would Be Only Something For  
One of the European Powers  
To Exercise and Play With

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW HAVEN, January 15.—Whoever side wins in the contest raging across the Atlantic, the United States must awaken to the fact that this country confronts the danger of an invasion from Europe, an invasion which the nation at the present time would be powerless to meet. Such is the warning given by Hudson Maxim, the explosive expert and member of the naval consulting board, who addressed the members of the chamber of commerce here last night.

"This nation must realize that it faces real danger of an invasion, following the conclusion of peace in Europe," he said. "Each side amongst the belligerents now engaged in the conflict will have, at the end of the war, several millions of trained and tried veterans." Trial at arms.

Wherever wins, complications are almost bound to arise between the winners and ourselves. There are plenty of incidents which have already happened, and much that may happen, to furnish grounds for future friction.

## FLOODS DO DAMAGE IN OLD IRELAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
ATHLONE, January 15.—A flood of tremendous proportions and great destructiveness today deluged the country near Athlone. The "Grand Canal" burst at Edenderry, sweeping houses and crops away on an irresistible flood. All waterway traffic has been suspended and the inhabitants in outlying districts are entirely isolated from other towns.

There is no loss of lives so far a reported though there is much hardship and suffering. The damage done is reach \$3,000,000 it is estimated.

## MILL OPERATIVES TO GET INCREASED PAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW BEDFORD, Massachusetts, Jan. 15.—A five per cent. increase in the pay of practically all the operatives in the textile mills here was announced yesterday by the mill owners, this advance being voluntary. In all some 32,000 persons will benefit by the wage advance.

## COLOGNE 'CHILDREN KILLED BY A BOMB

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
COLOGNE, Germany, January 15.—Children at play here yesterday found an unexploded bomb, dropped in an aero raid. They carried the bomb with them to the street, where it exploded, killing ten persons, the majority being children.

## BIG QUESTIONS TALKED OVER BUT NO NEWS

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)  
TOKIO, January 15.—Grand Duke Michaelovich, the Russian representative to Japan, has been discussing the European and Chinese questions with the officials of the Japanese government but the result of the conference has not been given out.

## MONTENEGRINS, IN WAR CAPITAL, SPURN SUGGESTIONS OF PEACE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
ROME, January 15.—King Nicholas of Montenegro and his people are determined to fight against Austria and Germany to the last man and any reports that Montenegro is considering a separate peace with the Central Powers or would favorably entertain the suggestion of one is false.

Such is the official statement issued by the Montenegrin ministry yesterday from the new war capital, the government having been set up at Nikscien, following the evacuation of Cetinje in the face of the Austrian invasion from Cattaro.

The Montenegrin army has fallen back to Reka, where it will make a stand, proving the Austrian invasion is pushed that far into the mountains. King Nicholas is with his troops and has an o' need that he is willing neither to enter into any talk of peace or a mistice with Austria until the time comes for the final drawing up of peace negotiations between all the nations in the field.

Reports from Vienna yesterday state that the Austrians captured large quantities of arms and supplies in the Montenegrin capital. The booty, according to the Austrian war ministry, amounted to one hundred and fifty-four cannons, ten machine guns and ten thousand rifles.

## GOETHALS NAMES A BOARD TO REPORT News Regarding Reopening Date Expected Soon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
PANAMA, January 15.—General Goethals, Governor of the Canal Zone, yesterday appointed Lieut. Col. J. J. Morrow, Engineers; W. P. Comber, civilian in charge of the dredging operations; and Commander Hutch I. Cone, U. S. N., as a board to study the conditions at the Gaillard Cut, where the most extensive slides have occurred. Following the report to be made by this board, a statement will be issued regarding the possibility of the reopening of the canal to general traffic at an early date.

General Goethals, who with Brigadier General Edwards and Rear Admiral Grant has been carrying on an investigation of the canal terminus for the purpose of selecting submarine bases and locations for defenses and mine fields, leaves for Washington on the twenty-seventh, presumably to appear before the congressional committees on matters affecting the Zone and its defenses.

It is understood that appropriations will be asked for to install fortifications at Taboga and Atoka and on the Pearl Islands, while a mine field at San Lorenzo is included in the plans.

## REBELS WIN FIRST BATTLE IN CHINA

**Royalist Troops Desert To Enemy  
When Final Test Comes**

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)  
TOKIO, January 15.—An authentic report received from Sze Chuen province states that 400 of Yuan Shih-Kai's troops were killed and 600 wounded in a battle at Szechuan yesterday. The revolutionists have captured the city and are now beginning a march to Chung King. They have met and defeated the army of Yuan at Koo Kiang, where they arrived on their way to Chung King.

Many of Yuan's soldiers went over to the revolutionists in the Szechuan battle and the loss of lives among the revolutionists was comparatively small as they retained an advantageous position on the heights. Yuan's troops retreated after a seven-hour engagement and the entire city is now held by the revolutionary army.

Szechuan is situated on the Yangtsze-kiang river at the mouth of the Min river, and is the center of a productive district. From a military standpoint it is one of the strongest points on the river. The population of Szechuan is 400,000.

The revolutionary troops are marching on Chung King, a city of 200,000, and plan to meet the seventh division of Yuan's army at Ichang, a strong position further down the Yangtsze-kiang river. Yuan has already dispatched his division from Hankow, and it is expected that a decisive battle will be fought within a few days. Should the revoltary troops win in the coming engagement, the entire province of Hupeh will be in the hands of the revolutionary forces.

## MINE MAKES A TOTAL WRECK OF DUTCH SHIP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, January 15.—The Dutch steamer Masmahayen, which struck a mine last Thursday, is still afloat and is affame on the seashore near Calais, where the hull has been driven by the wind and tide. The steamer broke in two after the explosion. One member of the crew, a Spaniard named Bayo, was saved alone out of 26 aboard.

## LEGAL BLOCKADE OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, January 15.—Great Britain will soon announce the establishment of an actual blockade of the Central Powers and thereby supersede the condition established by her previous orders-in-council. This system is made by Americans close to the British government.

## DIRECT TRAIN RUN FROM BERLIN TO GOLDEN HORN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERLIN, January 15.—A direct passenger service between Berlin and Constantinople is being inaugurated today. A decorated train made the first run, the King of Saxony riding on it for a short distance out of Berlin.

# SLAUGHTER ON EAST FRONT IS FRIGHTFUL ON RUSSIAN SIDE

Battle Along Front of Many  
Miles Is Raging In the Most  
Desperate Way With the Teu-  
tons Claiming the Advantage

SLAVS CHARGING IN  
FACE OF MACHINERS  
AGAINST TEUTON LINES

Petrograd Officially Has Sent Out  
No Word As To the Outcome  
of the Battle But Announces  
Resumption of Heavy Offensive

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, January 15.—The Russian offensive along the Bessarabian and Galician fronts has been resumed and the fighting there is of the bloodiest nature, the Russians attacking with the utmost fury along a front of many miles.

No details of the fighting have come from Petrograd, despatches from the Slav capital announcing only that the fighting is most severe, with the Russians driving forward in heavy force.

## Frightful Losses

Both Berlin and Vienna announce that the Slavs are being repeatedly driven back, with great slaughter, and as repeatedly returning to the attack, being apparently bent upon carrying the Austro-German position regardless of losses in men.

Vienna reports say that the Russians are repeatedly charging against the Austrian trenches in massed lines, twelve men deep, against which the Austrian machine guns are inflicting "frightful losses."

## All Repulsed

These charges have been each time repulsed, the Slavs being unable to carry home their charges in the face of the slaughter dealt out to them.

Berlin confirms the reports that the battle on the southeastern front is of the most desperate nature. As showing the character of the Russian offensive and the awful casualties resulting, Berlin states that before one position the Russians left a thousand dead when they finally retired to the shelter of their own trenches.

## WILHELMINA GIVES PALACE TO REFUGEES

**Floods In Northern Holland Cause  
Deaths and Suffering**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
AMSTERDAM, January 15.—A number of deaths from drowning, due to the flooding of Northern Holland through the breaking of the dykes of the Zuider Zee, are being reported. The residents on Marken Island are suffering greatly and sixteen have been lost.

The suffering is very widespread and Queen Wilhelmina has turned over her palace to a relief committee, to be used as a place of shelter for refugees.

The dykes of the Zuider Zee collapsed in several places, the peasants driving their cattle and carrying belongings fled in all directions for safety and there is general distress. The extreme cold adds to the hardships of the country.

## MRS. PANKHURST IS AS WELCOME AS FORD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, January 15.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the noted British suffragist, arrived here today. She said her trip is solely to seek relief for the Serbians, but she is held at Ellis Island because she has previously served a prison sentence which involved "moral turpitude" and the immigration authorities rule that she is barred from entry into the United States.

## COLDS CAUSE HEADACHES

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